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FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF STATEMENT BY U.S. SECRETARY
OF STATE CYRUS VANCE AND EXCHANGE WITH JOURNALISTS
UPON MR. VANCE'S ARRIVAL IN ANKARA FRI 20 JAN:
(BEGIN TRANSCRIPT)
(BEGIN STATEMENT)
GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
I AM DELIGHTED TO RETURN TO TURKEY AT THE KIND INVITATION OF
PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT. I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE
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PRIME MINISTER'S GRACIOUS INVITATION PROVIDED AN EARLY
OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO COME TO ANKARA TO REVIEW WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER A BROAD RANGE OF
WORLD PROBLEMS AND ISSUES THAT FACE OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
LET ME EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, VALUE VERY HIGHLY OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH TURKEY AND OUR LONGSTANDING ALLIANCE. WE SHARE A VERY

STRONG AND DEEP COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AND VALUES.
I AM SURE THAT I WILL BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE DISCUSSIONS
WHICH I WILL BE HAVING TONIGHT AND TOMORROW WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. I LOOK
FORWARD VERY MUCH TO THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND THANK HIM AGAIN
FOR HIS KIND INVITATION AND INVITING ME TO COME TO YOUR
COUNTRY.

NOW I WILL TAKE ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS.

(QUESTION -- TRANSLATED FROM TURKISH) AFTER THE ECEVIT GOVERN-
MENT CAME TO POWER, THE SPOKESMAN OF THE U.S.STATE DEPARTMENT
GAVE SOME OPTIMISTIC AND POSITIVE STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT
OF ECEVIT'S APPROACH TO WORLD ISSUES AND TURKISH-GREEK
RELATIONS. THEREFORE, I WONDER WHETHER THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WILL PASS MORE
EASILY THROUGH CONGRESS

(ANSWER) LET ME SAY THAT WE WILL BE DISCUSSING A WHOLE RANGE
OF ISSUES WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER.
I'M SURE THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES WHICH WILL BE COMING UP WILL
BE THE ISSUE OF OUR RALTIONSHIPS. THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT
RELATIONSHIP TO US. IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN IN THE PAST; IT WILL
BE IN THE FUTURE. I THINK THE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS IS A VERY GOOD ONE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A VERY
FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

(QUESTION -- IN ENGLISH) MR. SECRETARY, I TALKED WITH MR.
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WALDHEIM LAST WEEK IN TEHRAN. HE WAS VERY HOPEFUL
WITH RESPECT TO THE CYPRUS MATTER. ARE YOU AS HOPEFUL TO
SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AS MR. GENERAL SECRETARY WAS IN TEHRAN?
HE ASSURED ME THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED BY THE END OF 1978.

(ANSWER) WELL, I'M DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT. I HAD A CHANCE TO
TALK WITH HIM, TOO. HE AND I HAD A PHONE CONVERSATION WHEN
HE WAS IN TEHRAN. HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS CONVERSATIONS
WHEN HE WAS IN TEHRAN. HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS CONVERSATIONS
WHEN HE WAS HERE IN ANKARA AND WAS ENCOURAGED AS A RESULT OF
THOSE DISCUSSIONS. I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT THIS HOPES FOR THE
FUTURE WILL BE ACHIEVED, BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE THE HOPES
OF EVERYONE. EVERYONE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS IN THAT
LONGSTANDING AND DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

(END TRANSCRIPT)

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